

Arsenal Worker Wins President's Medal

Edward M. Murray of Chicago will receive the President's medal Friday for saving a fellow-worker's life at the Kankakee unit of the Joliet arsenal.

Murray, who lives at 6158 N. Ozark avenue, is credited with saving the life of Francis Whittington, present address unknown.

On last June, Whittington was holding one end of a pipe when it came in contact with a high tension line carrying 6,900 volts.

Murray, who was working approximately 200 feet away, was attracted to the scene by the shouts of other workers. When he reached the unconscious man other employes were attempting to put him into a car for transportation to medical assistance. A course in first aid training had prepared Murray for such an occasion. He noticed that the injured man was not breathing. For the next twenty minutes he administered artificial respiration.

JUST WHEN resuscitation looked hopeless and Murray began to tire, the injured man gasped for air. Murray continued to work over the victim until he was fully revived.

Approximately one hundred persons have been invited by Mr. J. E. Helquist, manager of the Kankakee Unit for the U. S. Rubber Company, to attend presentation ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 11, in the cafeteria of the Ordnance Ammunition Center.

Heading the guest list is Brigadier General Joel G. Holmes, commander of the Center, together with other army and civilian members of his staff. Also, acceptances have been received from army and civilian officials from the Chicago District, Corps of Engineers, officials from Joliet Arsenal, representatives of U. S. Rubber Company, the Blaw-Knox Construction Co., Kelso Burnett Co., and from the Electricians, Steamfitters, Laborers and Building Trades unions.

The President's medal is sponsored by the national safety council and is given only for successful resuscitation by the Schaefer prone method of persons suffering suspended breathing.